

**RIC 2004**

## **Licensing Issues – Session W6**

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### **Licensing-Process Improvement**

**Today → Next Year → Next 3 years**

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# Objective

- Improve licensing-process stability and predictability through:
  - ↑ effectiveness & efficiency
  - ↑ efforts to identify & prioritize process issues
  - ↑ coordination within the licensing community
  - ↑ public communications

# Key Factors

- Today's experience becomes tomorrow's process
- Continual change is inevitable
- Need licensing stability & predictability while managing change



# Licensing Change Management

- Use the existing Licensing Community to:
  - Establish baseline principles
  - Identify emerging licensing-process issues
  - Establish priorities
  - Standardize



# Licensing Community

- Standardizing change management rests with the Licensing Community

•Licensees	•NSSS vendors	•NRC	•Public
•Owners Groups	•Architect/Engineers	•NEI	•EPRI
•Special Issue Groups	•Consultants	•INPO	
•Standards organizations	•Regional Utility Groups		



# Establish Baseline Principles

- Use the NRC's Principles of Good Regulation, which include:
  - Independence (licensing community of independent contributors)
  - Open (public meetings; PDR; ADAMS)
  - Efficient (standardize; reduce duplication & overlap)
  - Clear (written problem statements; white papers)
  - Reliable (peer review)



# Identify Emerging Licensing-Process Issues

- Problem Statement
  - If you can't write it down, you don't have a problem.
- Draft “white paper”
  - Mutual understanding
  - Industry and NRC peer review
- Timely, public resolution
- Final “white paper” to document resolution and request regulatory “endorsement”

# Establish Priorities

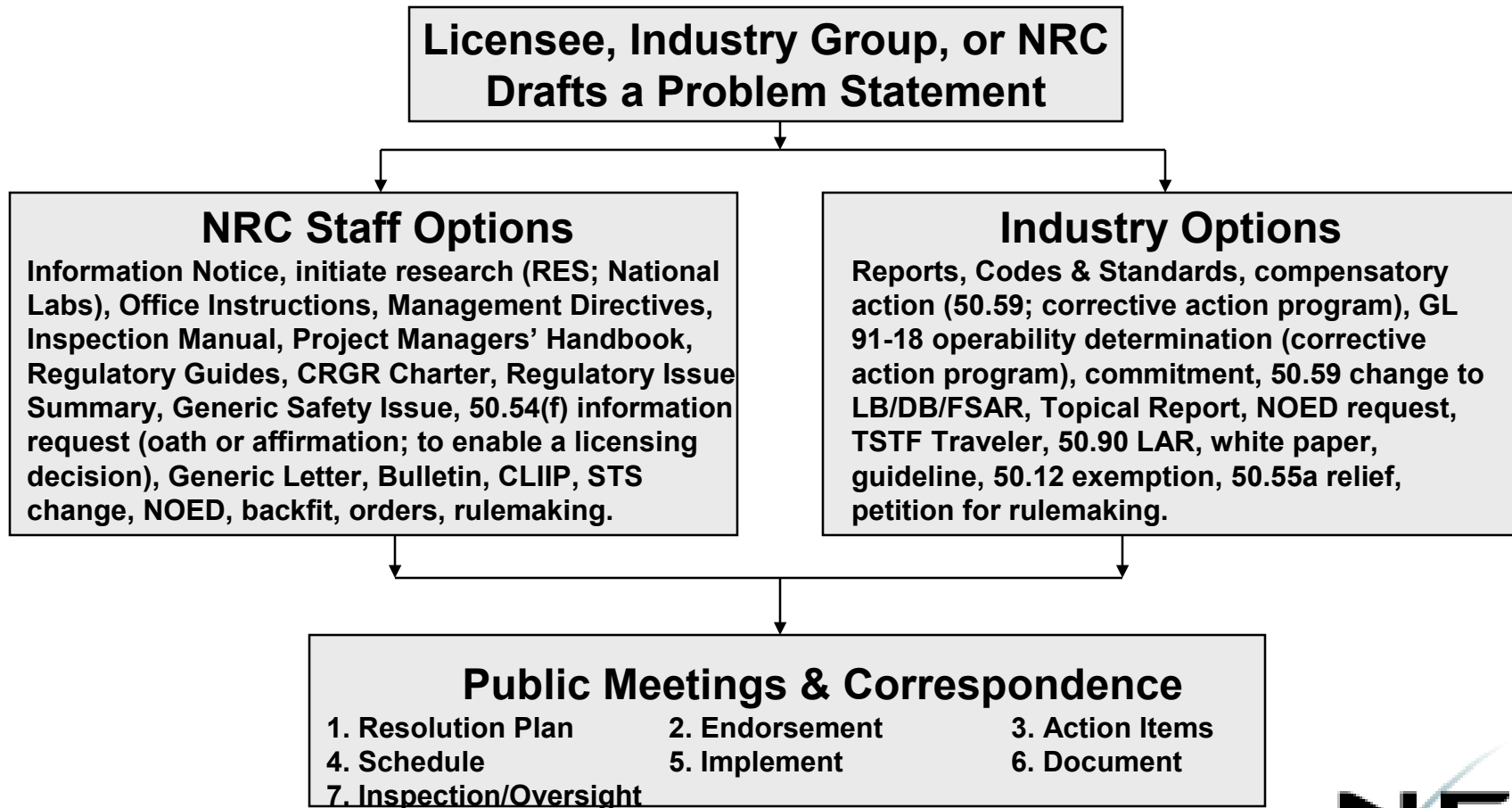
- Identify important factors
  - cost factors
  - value added
  - likelihood of regulatory success
  - timing
- Use a consistent methodology
- Continual feedback & refinement



# Standardize

- Work within the existing licensing framework
- Avoid duplication & overlap
- Format templates
  - License Amendment Requests (LARs)
  - Relief Requests (10 CFR 50.55a)

# Simplified Flow Chart



# Next Steps

- Two pilot white papers:
  - “Use of the Generic Letter 91-18 Process and Alternative Source Terms in the Context of Control Room Habitability,” 10/22/03
  - “ISA S67.04 Methods for Determining Trip Setpoints and Allowable Values for Safety-Related Instrumentation,” 12/5/03
- Comments via:
  - Industry WebBoard (<http://webboard.nei.org/~LATF>)
  - NRC/NEI Licensing Action Task Force steering group meetings
  - NRC/NEI correspondence
  - Annual Licensing Forum

